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B. FORMS—FOREST DEPARTMENT—ISSUE OF.

441. **Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how long does it generally take for the Forest Department to issue B. Forms after receipt of application from parties;

(*b*) whether there is any objection to issue instructions to the Officers concerned to expedite the issue of these passes by having them countersigned and handed to the parties, immediately after the logs have been checked and chopped?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) From seven to ten days.

(*b*) There is no occasion to issue such instructions in view of the present practice of having the passes ready for issue as soon as the verification and stamping of the materials are over.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): May I know if there were many cases within the last one year where a long time has been taken for the issue of these passes?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*): In certain cases more time was required.

LABOURERS IN NELLIAMPATHIES PLANTATIONS—WAGES—PAYMENT OF.

442. **Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar** (*Nemmara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) are the Government aware that the labourers working in the plantation areas of the Nelliampathies are paid their wages in kind instead of in cash charging prohibitive rates for the provisions supplied;

(*b*) are the Government aware that there is widespread discontent among the labourers on account of this system;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and rectify the state of affairs?

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Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) :
(*a*) No.
(*b*) No..
(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*) : Had the Government at any time made any inquiry about the existence of such a practice in the Nelliampathy plantations ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg: Conservator of Forest*) : There was no necessity for any enquiry.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*) : Has this matter been brought to the notice of the Government before ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) : No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*) : At least after the question was sent in, was there any enquiry ?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) : We enquired into the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*) : Then will the hon'ble member who has sent the question tell us whether he has any information regarding this ?

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*) : The question is the result of representations made to me by certain persons. As for myself I had no occasion to go to Nelliampathies. Some of the labourers came to me and made representations.

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) : Why did not these workmen represent these matters direct to the Government ?

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*) : In view of the backwardness of the labourers and the want of knowledge on their part, it was not possible for them to make representation direct. Why did not the Government enquire into and find out the truth?

Mr. S. Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) : There was no enquiry necessary.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*) : Am I to understand that enquiry was made only after the question is sent ?

Mr. S Venkiteswaran (*Offg. Conservator of Forests*) : Yes.

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